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Why Believe in Christ's Virgin Birth?

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### To Fulfill Old Testament Prophecy

- Almah
  - ◆ Bethulah? (Joel 1:8)
  - ◆ OT uses (Gen 24:43; Exod 2:8; Ps 68:25; Song of Solomon 1:3; 6:8; Prov 30:18-19)
  - ◆ LXX
  - ◆ Matt 1:23



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### To Fulfill Old Testament Prophecy

- Ahaz' Day?
  - ◆ From the singular to the plural "you"
  - ◆ David (Isa 7:13)
  - ◆ Immanuel? (Isa 7:14)
  - ◆ Extended context (Isa 9:6; 11:1-5)
  - ◆ Sign (Isa 7:14)



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### Isaiah 7 and 8 Differences



- Isa 7
  - Immanuel
  - Blessing
  - Born to a virgin
  - Age 12
  - Assyrian judgment upon Judah
- Isa 8
  - Maher-shalal-hash-baz
  - Judgment
  - Born to Isaiah's wife
  - Age 1-2
  - Assyrian judgment upon Syria and Israel

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### To Emphasize Christ's Humanity and Deity



- Humanity-Luke 2:52
- Deity-John 1:1
- Hypostatic Union
- Virgin birth emphasizes the unique God/Man
  - ◆ Born of a woman: humanity
  - ◆ Born supernaturally: deity

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### To Emphasize Christ's Eternality

- Christ's preexistence (John 8:58)
- Nicene Creed
- Virgin birth = no beginning point



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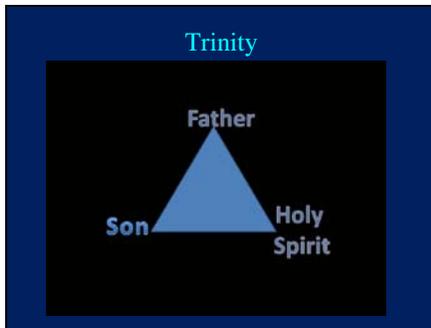
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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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### To Maintain Christ's Sinlessness



- Christ's perfection (John 8:46)
- Humanity's sin nature (Ps 51:5) passed down through the man (Rom 5:12)
- Virgin birth = Christ had no biological father

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**To Protect the Bodily Atonement**



- Eternal God must pay the eternal penalty for man's sin (Rom 6:23)
- A perfect substitute must pay the penalty for man's sin (Exod 12:5; 1 Pet 1:19)

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### To Circumvent Jeconiah's Curse

- Jer 22:30
- Matt 1:12
- Virgin birth = Christ not an actual descendant of Jeconiah
- Luke 3:31



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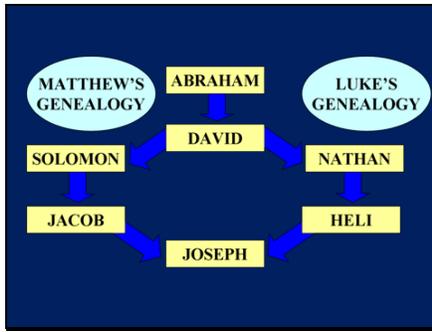
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**To Vindicate the NT**

- Matt 1:18-25
- Luke 1:26-35; 2:1-19
- John 8:41
- Gal 4:4



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**Conclusion**

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**Review**

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Isa 7:14-Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

Matt 1:23-BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.”

Isaiah 7:13-14- Then he said, “Listen now, O house of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God as well? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6-7-For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders;  
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Isaiah 11:1-5-Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup> And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear; <sup>4</sup> But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.

Luke 2:52-And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

John 4:6-and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

Matt 4:2-And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.

John 19:28-After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, \*said, "I am thirsty."

John 11:35-Jesus wept.

John 1:1-In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14-And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Gal 4:4-But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law.

John 8:56-58-Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad." <sup>57</sup> So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." <sup>59</sup> Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

John 17:5-Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 1:3-All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Col 1:16-For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.  
Hebrews 1:2-in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

2 Cor 5:21- He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Heb 4:15-For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.

1 Pet 2:22-WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH

1 JOHN 2:1-My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous

1 JOHN 3:3-And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure

John 8:46-Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me? <sup>47</sup> He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear *them*, because you are not of God.”

Matt 26:59-61- Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. <sup>60</sup> They did not find *any*, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward, <sup>61</sup> and said, “This man stated, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.’”

Psa 51:5-Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

Rom 5:12-Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Exod 12:5-Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats

1 Peter 1:19-but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.

Jer 22:30-Thus says the LORD, "Write this man down childless, A man who will not prosper in his days; For no man of his descendants will prosper Sitting on the throne of David Or ruling again in Judah."

Matthew 1:12-After the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah became the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel.

Luke 3:31-he son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David

2 Sam 7:13-He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

John 8:41-You are doing the deeds of your father." They said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God."